

National Theater  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. 23

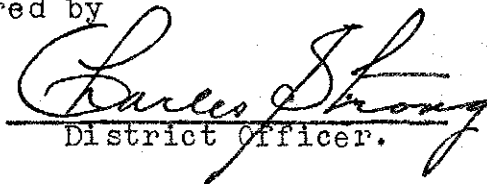
Historic American Buildings Survey  
Charles Strong, District Officer  
Carew Tower, Cincinnati, Ohio.

NATIONAL THEATER

312 SYCAMORE STREET, HAMILTON COUNTY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

1. Present owner and occupant is Spence Bros. Co-  
~~pany.~~
2. Present ownership and occupancy dates from  
1884.
3. Names of previous owners and occupants unknown.  
~~other than~~ Built as the National Theater by  
John Bates in 1837.
4. Alterations during present ownership and occu-  
pancy consisted of removing all of the origi-  
nal theater interior and converting the use  
of the building into a tobacco warehouse,  
by constructing several floors of mill con-  
struction and the installation of an elevator.  
Names of architect and builder not known.
5. The present front portion of the building on  
Sycamore Street was added in the year 1847.
6. Original construction was erected in 1837 by  
John Bates. The names of builder and archi-  
tect unknown.
7. Personages and events associated with this  
building included famous theatrical people  
known to the world during those times. The  
theater was widely known and it was reputed  
to exceed the glory of Drury Lane in England.
8. The above information has been furnished by  
Spence Bros. Co., 312 Sycamore St. Cincinnati,  
Ohio and by an article published in the  
Cincinnati Enquirer of the year 1923, written  
by Conteur.

Prepared by

  
District Officer.

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